

## **Tribal and International Affairs**

### **Activity, Accomplishments and Issues, 5—9 June 2017**

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#### **Grants Management and TEAs**

- Advanced **GAP grants** mgt:
  - Sent delinquency notices re closeout deliverables: Lac Courte Oreilles, Mille Lacs.
  - Updated the following files: Little Roiver, Saginaw Chippewa, Forest County, Sault Ste Marie, Mille Lacs, St Croix, Little Traverse, Red Lake, Grand Traverse.
- Advanced **Performance Partnership Grants (PPGs)**:
  - Supplemental awards: Bois Forte (lead, 106), White Earth (pesticides, 106)
  - Awarded incremental Brownfields: Mille Lacs, St Croix, Little Traverse, Red Lake, Notawaseppi.
  - Site visits coordinated with WD: Gunn Lake, Notawaseppi Huron.

#### **Tribal Relations**

- Reservations or communities visited: Grand Portage, Fond du Lac, Gunn Lake, Notawaseppi Huron.
- Continued to facilitate LUST cleanup with Lac du Flambeau, LCD, Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources, and property owner technical consultant (REI). Teleconference on 9 June 2017 considered monitoring well locations in detail; no decisions yet from WDNR re PECFA funding for wells. Manager meeting expected soon, along with recurring tech meetings.
- Responded to tribal and EPA requests for information / support / involvement in the following:
  - CAA permit at Sanimax facility (Oneida, ARD).
  - Funding procedures under Beach Act (Grand Portage).
  - PPG application (Hannahville).
  - Site visit and emergency planning re construction and demolition landfill (Grand Portage Band, LCD, SFD).

#### **Planning**

- Convened RIWG meeting to discuss, GAP strategy, potential changes to WOTUS rule, GAO investigation of CERCLA actions on or near reservations, Lower Sioux briefing book, External Comms capabilities and press releases, OITA NPM guidance, hazmat talking circle at Mille Lacs, and program updates.
- Arranged debris management workshop at Fond du Lac (10 tribes, LCD, SFD, FEMA, Coast Guard, HIS, BIA).
- Transferred archived records to WD for final collaboration on PPG records. Other records management and cleanup is ongoing.
- Arranged TCOTS (consultation database) training (OITA).
- Contributed to final Brownfields/PPG guidance, expected 16 June.
- Continued work on R5 GAP strategy to react quickly and fairly to potential outyear funding cuts (<30%). Draft strategy considers several policy scenarios to extend distribution plan thru FY 2022.
- Provided comments to Planning and QA group re 2018-2019 OITA NPM guidance.
- Continued to input tribal contacts in Sharepoint database: brownfields, water.
- Notified TIAO staff and friends of submitted performance awards.
- Looking for workable R5TOC dates, following scheduling conflict 18-19 July.
- Reserved 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Metcalfe building for 2018 TEPM conference and made usual plans for 12<sup>th</sup> floor. To evaluate possibility of offsite venue, collected data on meeting room rates, etc. Moved dates back into March to avoid springtime hotel rate increase effective 1 April.
- Reviewed four press releases related to tribal air and water grants and provided comments (Ext Comms).

#### **International Relations**

- For continuity of ops, explored alternate means of incoming or outgoing contact for EPA staff overseas.
- Made final preparations for EPA staff travel to Costa Rica in June 2017.